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FOR HERMAN KLEINE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN, HO
SUBJECT: MEDICAL SUPPLIES

REF: STATE 209533

1. AID DIRECTOR AND I ARE VERY CONCERNED OVER LACK OF RESPONSE ON NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SEEK YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT. WE ARE BEING SECOND GUESSED BY FDRC PER REF AND THEY ARE EVIDENTLY WITHHOLDING FILLING OUR REQUESTS.

2. THE SITUATION IS THIS: THE HONDURAN CAPACITY TO PRODUCE WAS IN SAN PEDRO AND IS FLOODED OUT. MOST OF THE SUPPLIES IN TEGUCIGALPA WERE RUINED IN THE FLOOD.

OTHER LOCAL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN QUICKLY DISTRIBUTED. THERE ARE NO MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN INVENTORY IN DAN PEDRO. THE SMALL INVENTORY IN TEGUCIGALPA IS BEING SHIPPED. LOCAL MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT POINTS IN THE DISASTER ZONE ARE SEVERELY HAMPERED BY LACK OF SUPPLIES.

3. THE STATEMENT IN REF "THAT HONDURAS WILL BE INUDATED
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WITH EVERY CONCEIVABLE MEDICINE" HAS PROVEN FALSE.

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4. DYSENTARY IS BECOMING WIDELYSPREADIN POPULATION. WATER
SUPPLIES ARE STILL FOULED.

5. WE NEED OUR PREVIOUS ORDERS HONORED PLUS WE NEED
500,000 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS)
ASAP.
6.CLARK OF FDRC ALSO HAS SEEN THE SITUATION ON
THE GROUND AND SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.
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